

FIGURE OF SIX.

Containing these Six
things; Wit, Mirth, Plea-
sure, pretty Observations,
new Conceits, and
merry Jests.

*When dayes are long, this Figure may
Help you to passe the time away:
And it wil breed you much delight,
To passe away the Winters night.*



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TO make a large preface to
a small Volume, were as
ridiculous, as to set an Alder-
mans Gate before a poor Cot-
tage; for as the one would
shew a great disproportion in
building, so the other would
tire the Reader to no purpose;
and therefore I intend not to
use many words to intreat thy
acceptance of this *Figure* of
Six, because it may be, some
delight more in dry Thistles,
then in the sweetest Flowers
that can be gathered out of
the Garden of Invention: but
let them enjoy their humour,

for. I know there are Six kinds
of Readers : the paine Rea-
ders ; the ignorant Reader, the
scoffing Reader, the conceited
Reader, the carping Reader,
and the kind Reader. Now to
the last of these Six, namely
to the kinde Reader, I com-
mend this Figure of Six : and
if he like it, I care not for the
rest, and so I rest.

Thy Friend,
D.N.

*This Booke is like a Paire of Dice,
That doth run still upon the sixe,
And two pence of it is the price.
The Figure of Six is liked well,
For tis six to one but it will sell.*

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THE FIGURE OF SIX.

1. Six things are very hard to doe to
Spray heartily, to forgive willingly,
to suffer patiently, to love moderately,
to love wisely, and to spend thriftily.

2. Six things are much abused: Wine,
Women, Weapons, Wit, Wealth, and
a poore man in want.

3. Six heads are without Braines: an
Arrow head, a Horse head, a Nayles
head, a Hammes head, a Beds head, and
a Maiden head.

4. Six things are best when they are
broken: A cunning Scriven er, a Nut a
Cake, a Lobster, an Egge, and a good
Jest.

5. Six things doe blinde judgement

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Affection, Passion, Ignorance, Opinion, Hatred, and Bribery.

6. Six cruell long Bills : A Forrest Bill, a Stewards Bill, a Watchmans Bill, a Chancery Bill, a Woodcocks Bill, and a Taylors Bill.

7. Six great helps belong to a Poet the helpe of Invention, the helpe of nature, the helpe of Art the help of Reading, the helpe of the Muses, and the helpe of Money.

8 Six chiefe Hearbs in the Garden : Sage, Time, Thrift, Batchelors Buttons, Rosemary, and the Hearbe of Grace.

9 Six figures of Six : The figure of Six in Arithmetick, the figure six in small Beer, the figure of Six in a horses mouth, the figure of Six upon Cardes, the figure of Six in this Booke, and the figure of Six in silver

10. Six very painefull Letters : The head H, the tooth H, the back H, the belly H, the horn H, and the halter H:

11 Six things are necessary for school, boyes : a Pen-knife, Quills, Paper, Inke-Books, and sometimes Birch.

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Feare, Hope, Idleness, Jealousie, Sadnesse
and Madnesse.

13. Six things doe live in a severall
Elements, A Camelion in the ayre, a
Salamander in the fire, a Mole in the
earth, a Fish in the water, a Foole in the
Court, and a Drunkard in his Ale.

14. Six things are good in cold wea-
ther: good Fare, good Fires, good
Drinke, good company, good jests, and
a fine Bed-fellow

15. Six degrees of misery: To be out
of Cloathes, to be out of Money, to be
out of Friends, to be out of Credit, to
be out of house and home, and to be
out of one senses.

16. Six goodly fights: to see a Tree
full of fruit, a Garden full of Flowers,
a field full of Cattell, a Barne full of
Corne a woman with childe, and a ship
under sayle.

17. Six light things doe make man
heavy hearted: Light penny-worths
light pots, light purses, light gold, light
suppers, and light wives.

18. Six things are necessary to Life:
Meat, drinke, cloathing, lodging, health
and some wealth.

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19. Six things doe make no shew to the world : Wit in a blunt man, Learning in a wise man, strength in a valiant man, wealth in a rich man, Religion in a good man, and vertue in a poore man.

20. Six things are much alike : The fawning of a Dogge, the flattering of a Knave, the scratching of an Asse, the greasing of a Sow, the cackling of a Goose, and the kindnesse of an Host.

21. Six blind things : a blind Man, a blind Mold, a blind Buzzard, a blinde Beetle, *Hamor* the blinde Writer, and *Cupid* the blind Archer.

22. Six things are necessary in a Christian life : Faith, Hope, and Charitie, Love, Peace, and Unitie.

23. Six kinds of Prodigals : The fine Prodigall, the kind Prodigall, the drunken Prodigall, the dicing Prodigall, the witty Prodigall, and the wenching Prodigall.

24. Six pleasant Fruits : Cherries, Strawberries, Plumbs, Peaches, Peares and the fruit of Love.

25. Six angry things : A sick man, a proud man, a conceited man, an upstart Officer, a waspe, and a woman.

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26. Six things are too much used :
much eating, much drinking, much sleeping, much swearing, much prating, and much lying.

27. Six things are very dangerous to take up : hot Iron, whole Pots, a scale from a Bond, dice among Cheaters, money upon usury, and a Maids petticoat.

28. Six kinds of Wormes : a Malt-worme, a Muck-worme, a Mud worme, an Earth worme, a fruit-worme, and a Wood-worme.

29. Six things there are which drink of other mens cost : an Host, an Hostis, a Tost, a Tapster, a Fly, and a shark.

30. Six bad humours : a scoffing humour, a quarrelling humour, a proud humour, a zealous humour, a mad humour, and a melancholly humour.

31. Six great menders : Taylors, Coblers, Seamsters, Tinkers, Glasse-menders, and Bellows menders.

32. Six things doe soone vanish
Youth, Beauty, Strength, Mirth, Pleasure, and hasty Love.

33. Six things are very sharp sighted : an Eagle, a Hawke, a Hearne, a needle, a jealous eye, and a hungry man.

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34 Six things are well matcht together : A slut and a sloven, a knave and a foole, a scould and a deaf man, a whore and a blinde man, a Bride and a Bride-groome, an asse and a flatterer.

35 Six Schooles are much frequented : A Grammer schoole, a Writing schoole, a Drinking Shoole, a Dancing schoole a Fencing, schoole, and a Vaulting schoole.

36 Six ill sounds : The scraping of trenchers, the rubbing of iron the howling of a Dog, the creaking of a wheele the crying of Cats, and the scoulding of a shrew.

37 Six kinds of tame fowle live in London, prating Dawes, gossiping Magpies, cheating Rookes, young Woodcocks, old Dottrels, and wanton Wag-tayles.

38 Six essentiall parts belong to a Gallant : To weare good clothes, to sweare great oathes, to spend soundly, to drinke profoundly, to complement with a friend, and to court a wench.

39 Six things are soone dry : A ditch in summer, a tap when the drink is out, a complementing Asse, a poore mans purse

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together, an April flower and a widdowes
purse.

40 Six things are much desired, but
seldome found: A happy Life, a good
wife, a carefull servant, an honest Pet-
tifogger, a conscionable man, and a
constant friend.

41 Six crackt things are never good:
a crackt Glasse, a crackt Bottle, a crackt
Fiddle, a crackt Groat, a crackt crowne,
and a crackt Maiden-head.

42 Six things are very tedious: To
sit by an ill fire, to heare a long tale, to
court a coy wench, to ride on a jade, to
expect the returne of a slow carryer,
and to lye in bed and looke for a sweet-
heart.

43 Six Items are reckoned in Innes:
Item for meat, Item for bread, Item for
drinke, Item for fruit and cheese, Item for
fire, and Item for kissing Hostis

44 Six chiefe faculties belong to the
reasonable soul: Speech, Laughter, Rea-
son, Understanding, Will, and Election
of good and bad.

45 Six renowned Greeke Poets: Pin-
daries, Euripides, Nonnus, Theognis, Hesiod,
and Homer.

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46. Six kinds of water : cold water
hot water, strong water, stomack water
Rose water, and Rose the Chamber
maids water.

47. Six things belong to a Husband
man to manure his ground, to plough
his ground, to sow his Corne, to reap
his Corne, to thresh his Corne, and to
sell his Corne

48. Six steps bring men to Tyburne
Idleness brings men to ill company, ill
company brings wasteful spending, wast-
full spending brings want, want brings
stealing, and stealing brings them to the
Gallows.

49. Six things doe desire to meet :
a foe with his foe in the Field, a friend
with his friend, the jet with straw, the
Load stone with Iron, the Male with
the Female, and the Lover with his
sweet heart.

50. Six things are required in a Gen-
tleman : Birth, Education, Learning,
Vertue, Courtesie and Courage.

51. Six comfortable things doe be-
long to a Traveller ; a good horse, good
company, good boots good waies good
store of money, & a good Inne at night.

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52. Six in inferiour ignorant Artists: A
water-painter to a Braſier, a Cöbler to a Shoemaker, a
water-maker, a Clarke to a Lawyer, an Apothecary to a
Phyſian, a Botcher to a Taylor, and a Rimer to a Poet.

53. Six things are never ſatisfied: The
thiſtineſſe of the Sea the covetouſneſſe
of an Uluer, Hell, Ambition, the Grave,
and to ſee an insatiate woman

54. Six neceſſary charges belong to
every ſore houſe keepers: Firing Candle,
bread, Drinke, Food, and to pay their
Land-Lords Rent,

55. Six things are that are good in
man: his Wooll for cloths, his ſkin for
archment, his dung to ſat the ground,
his fleſh for meat, his bones for dice,
and his guts for Fiddle-ſtrings.

56. Six kind of Runners are much
eſteemed: A running Footman, a running
ſockey, a running head, a running veſſel,
a running horſe, a running hound, and
a running banquet

57 Six things will make a man weep
when he hath no cauſe of ſorrow: To
ſee Onions and Garlike, to ſit by a
ſmoking fire, to drinke Botile-ale, to
eat Muſtard, and to ſup hot broth.

58. Six.

e 58 Six things there are which t
o greatest Orator cannot perswade: T
te perswade a foole from his folly, a de
in man: to heare, a icould to be quiet, a m
id that has a cold to leave coughing a ma
to to leave her sweet heart. and a man
pay the reckoning that has no money.

to 59 Six things doe make an Inne
d be well custumed: good lodging, good
e horsemeat, good attendance good usag
a fine hostis and a fine signe.

e 60 Six great Talkers are seldome b
y leaved: a fortune-teller, a Traveller
nd a Midwife, an old man, a Lawyer and
an Irish man.

a 61. Six commendations belong to
ve good Horse: to be well metled, to have
e a good pace, a good colour a faire mane
a faire taile, and to be well markt.

62 Six Games are much used: Irish
e Ticktack, Bowling, Shooting, Ruff
and In and In.

S 63 Six things there are which Maide
e desire: to be prais'd to be woo'd, to be
t flatter'd, to be kis'd by their sweet
dy heart, to bee married, to be refreshed
&c.

S 64 Six kinds of wanton creature

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which th
vade: Tapes, Munkies, Kitlings, young Whelps
y, a dead Parrots, and wanton wenches.

dict, a man 65. Six things are seldome or never
ng a maiene: A white Crow, a blacke Swan, a
a man faithlesse Turtle-dove, an Owle in the
money. day time, a Swallow in Winter, and a
Inne Friend in aduersity.

ing good 66 Six kinds of Hooks: Fish-hooks,
od using Flesh-hooks, Tenter hooks, Doore-
hooks, Pot-hooks, and shoulder-hooks,
ome be Serjeants.

traveller 67. Six essentiall properties belong to
ryer and a Lover: to love truly to love honestly,
to love discretely, to love chastely, to
ong to love faithfully and to love constantly.

to have 68 Six things are impossible to bee
e man done: to catch a shower of Hayle in a
rt. bottle, to empt the Sea with a spoone,
d: Irish to tell the haire of ones head, to finde a
Ruffe needle in a bundle of Hay, to finde a
Maidenhead in the court Ruffes, and
Maid to turne a windmill sailes with a paire
d, to be of Bellows

sweet 69 Six things doe commonly goe to-
freshed gether: lying and swearing, drinking
and quarrelling, prid and beggery, love
eature and idlenesse, wit and wilfulness, beau-
ty and wantonnesse.

70. Six kinds of people not to be
believed : Horle-couriers, Brokers
Travellers, Petty-foggers, Beggars, and
Souldiers

71. Six things do make an excellent
receit for the recovery of Maiden-
heads : The Brains of a Beetle the heart
of an humble Bee. an handfull of Rue
with an ounce of *London* deliverance
boyled over the fire of a low worme
with the water of Pumicestone, which
at the second taking will restore it, or
never.

72. Six things belong to a shepheard
a Hooke. a Scrip, a Tottle, a Tarbox
a Bag-pite, an old cloake, and a young
wench wrapt in it

73. Six chiefe busineses belong to a
Housewife : Brewing baking, spinning,
Carding, Washing and Milking.

74. Six very unconstant things : the
Wind, for that's alwaies turning, the
Moone, for that's alwaies changing,
the Sea, for that's alwaies ebbing and
flowing, a gliding streame, for that's
alwaies running, a Childe, for hee's al-
waies craving. and a woman, for shee's
alwaies wavering.

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57 Six things doe bring men to want: Carelesnesse, Unthriftinesse, Idlenesle, Wantonnesse, Pride and prodigality.

76. Six things can never hold out long: drinking without eating, watching without sleeping, eating without drinking, clothes without mending, giving without recovering, and spending without getting.

77 Six things are required in a well hap'd Gray hound: to bee backt like a Beame, sided like a Breame, footed like a Cat, tayled like a Rat, breasted like a Drage, and headed like a Snake.

78. Six things would make a man laugh: to see a Fox turne Lawyer to see Geese turne Clyents, to heare an Owle sing, to see an Ape play his tricks, to see a Cat play on the Fiddle, and to see a Goose dance to the Musicke.

79 Six hard steps lead to Heavens Crosses, Afflictions, Troubles, Contempt of men, Want and Poverty.

80 Six helps there are to climbe these steps; Prayer, Patience, Humility, Faith, Zeale, and hope in God

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81 Six morall vertues are of chiefe note : Valour, Prudence, Temporance, Liberaltie, Magnificence and Justice.

82 Six shadowes are often taken for substance : The shadow of Frenchmen, which is Complements, The shadow of Learning, which is plausible Discourse; The shadow of love, which are amorous voves; the shadow of Honour, Which is Wealth, the shadow of Wit, which are Jestts : and the shadow of Life, which is meere shadow.

83 Six things belong to a good fire : a paire of Andirons, a paire of Bellows, a paire of Tongs, a Shewell, good company, and a pot of Ale.

84 Six things are not respected when they are out of date : An old Horse, an old Hound, an old serving-man, old Bootes, an old Maid, and an old Almanack.

85 Six things deserve hanging : wet Cloathes, good Bells, a rope of Onions, a doore on the hookes, a Usurer, and a Thiefe.

86 Six kinds of humours are much noted, a merry humour, a melancholly hu-

humour, a prodigall humour, a jealous humour, a scoming humour, and a sullen humour.

87 Six things can never be recalled, being once mis-pent: a word from the Mouth, an Arrow from the Bow, Money, Time, Youth once past, and a Maiden-head once left.

88. Six things declare a true Friend: to helpe one in necessity, to speake well of one in absence, to keep ones counsell, to suppress his anger to give counsell, and be constant to the end.

89. Six sorts of Drunkards, and nere a good one, a sowish Drunkard, a sheepish Drunkard, a loving Drunkard, a goat Drunkard, an apish Drunkard, and a Fox Drunkard.

90 Six wayes can never be found out: *Via avis* the way of a Bird, *Via navis* the way of a ship, *Via vermis* the way of worme *Via sapientis*, the way of a wise man. *Via sagitta* the way of an Arrow, and *Via juvenis*, the way of a young man and maid.

91. Six things are very unseemly: to drinke with a foule mouth, to cut bread with a foule knife, to feed swinishly, to

talke bawdily, to scratch ones breech,
and to gnaw meat.

92. Six sweet meats have sowre sawce:
Pleasure, Prodigality, Pride, Idlenesse,
Scorning, and Whoring.

93. Six notes to be observed in love:
to love wisely, love warily, chaffly, dis-
creetly, vertuously and constantly.

94. Six things comfort a mans heart:
Wine, Company, Good Newes, good
Ale, good Clothes, and Money in
purse.

95. Six things are well macht toge-
ther: A Lawyer and his Clyent, a
Maid and her Love, Money and Wit,
a blew Coate and a Cognizance, a Phy-
sician and his Patient, and a cup of Ale
and a Toff.

96. Six things deserve no pity: a lazy
Begger, a Drunkards head-ach, a coun-
terfeit Cripple, a Prodiggall wanting, a
Woman weeping, and Goose going
barefoot.

97. Six things will take a man by the
Nole before he be aware: Bottle Ale,
Sneezing Powder, Tobacco, Peppes,
Mustard, and ill smells.

98. Six things are very sweet and
pleasant

speech, pleasant Food to a hungry man, drinke
to a thirsty: man, sleep to a weary man
health to a sick man, the shore to a sea,
man, and Money to a poore man.

99. Six heads are very good meat: A
pigs head, a Rabbits head, a Lambes
head, a sheeps head, a Calves head, and
Cods head.

100. Six things are very head-strong:
a head strong horse, an unruly childe,
an unruly Young-man, a Tempest at
sea, a Cuckold and a Bull.

101. Six notes doe shew a vertuous
man: to live temperately, to love ones
friend faithfully, to speake courteously,
to heale honestly, to beare Adversity
patiently, and to follow goodnesse con-
stantly.

102. Six outsidés are more faire and
beautifull then their insides: A faire
whore a painted Tomb, a gilded Cup,
a rotten Nut, the barke of a Cinamon
tree, and a Gallant in a new suit.

103. Six good Dishes in a country
house are alwaies in readinesse: a piece
of Bacon, a piece of hung beefe, White
Meats, Cake and Cheese, Pudding and
Soyls.

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104. Six Birds doe haunt and frequent Country house: a Martin, a Swallow, a Robin-red-breast, an owle a Daw and a Dove.

105. Six things are great wasters of time: Eating, drinking, sleeping, Tobacco taking, Discourting, and Idleness.

106. Six things are hard to doe: To row against the streame, to run against a hill, to force a woman against her will, to kick against thornes, and to strive against a great man.

107. Six Caps are of great note: the schollers Cap the tradesmans Cap, the seamans Cap the night Cap, the fooles Cap and the fuddling Cap.

108. Six Touchstones doe try severall qualities: Money is the Touchstone of Honesty. Temptations of beauty, Adversity of Patience, Prosperity of wisdom, Necessity of Friendship, and Time of Truth.

109. Six Dishes belong to a married mans table: three of flesh, and three of fish: a Tongue a Dotrell, a Raylt, a Pout, a Carb, and a Carpe.

110. Six notes for a wise man: To beare

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are injuries to moderate his passion ;
bestow his gifts warily : to deale ho-
stly, to live cheerfully, and dye wil-
gly.

111. Six things are good to the end
good Man, a good tale. a good friend,
good Booke, a good Play, and a good
dding.

112. Six things are very pleasing to
the five senses, good cheere, and good
inke to the tastings, Money to the
ght, musick to the eare flowers to the
nell, scratching to the leg to the touch
ad to kisse a Maid.

113. Six empty things are never good
empty Braine, empty Barnes, empty
ots, empty Players, empty Pockets,
ad empty purses.

114 Six Buts do spoile six good con-
ditions : A faire Maid, but unchast, an
onest man but poore ; a good Tayler,
ut a thiefe ; a good workman, but an ill
usband ; a good huswife but a scould ;
kind natured man but a Cuckold.

115 Six dayes, three good, and three
ad belong to a married man : the three
ood are his wedding day, the Christi-
ing day, and her buriall day ; the three
bad

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bad are washing dayes, ſcouring dayes,
and ſcolding dayes.

116. Six bad wayes of being be-
twene; betweene two Serjeants, to
fit betweene two doors, to halt be-
twene two opinions to bee betweene
a Whores armes, betweene a paire of
foul ſheetes, and betewne Hawke and
Buzzard.

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